

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3182 - HB 3902**

February 15, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Board of Medical Examiners to collect information concerning medical malpractice actions relating to care rendered in an emergency room and the role of the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act. The Board must report to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees on issues and trends relating to medical malpractice liability by July 1, 2012.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,100/One-Time/Board of Medical Examiners**

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the Board of Medical Examiners does not have the capacity to analyze and report on the data collected.
- The Board will outsource the analysis of the data and preparation of the report.
- A statistician will be hired for approximately 40 hours of work for four weeks at a rate of \$25.52 per hour resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$4,083.20 (40 x 4 x \$25.52). The additional cost will be accommodated within the existing resources of Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a balance of \$108,302.81. The Board's FY08-09 balance is not yet available.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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